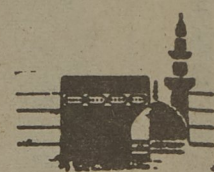


IN THE NAME OF ALLAH, MOST GRACIOUS, MOST MERCIFUL

MUSLIMS CAN'T VOTE

ISLAM



Islam teaches us that mankind is but a single community and that differences in man on the basis of colour and language are no less than ayat (signs) of Allah i.e. proof of His existence and cannot be used as a basis for discrimination between man and man.

Islam stands for dignity and freedom for all people.

Islam is a liberating power and as such is totally opposed to all forms of oppression and exploitation.

The New Constitution has been introduced by the White Government and approved by the White Electorate and retains the traditional order of apartheid in a new form for the participation of a select section of the South African Community. The New Constitution entrenches racial division in this country and promotes standards of justice which when applied differ radically from one group to another. The disparity in education and also in health services, housing, pension, social welfare and the inequality are violations of the principles of justice in Islam. In the light of the above violations of Islamic principles we call on Muslims to reject the new constitutional dispensation and to abstain from voting.

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DON'T VOTE FOR APARTHEID

HOLY QURAN SAYS

And why should ye not fight in the Cause of Allah and of those who being weak, are ill-treated and (oppressed).

(Qur'an 4:75)

'And incline not to Those Who do wrong and oppress others, Or the fire will seize you; And you have no protectors Other than Allah, Nor shall you be helped.'

(Qur'an Sura Hud, Verse 113)

'And fight them on until there is no more tumult or oppression, and there prevail Justice and Faith in Allah, altogether and everywhere. But if they cease verily Allah doth see all that they do.'

(Qur'an 39:8)

Let there arise out of you a band of people Inviting to all that is good, enjoining what is Right and forbidding what is wrong. They are the ones to attain felicity.

(Qur'an: Sura III: Verse 104)

O men verily We have created you of a male and a female, and We have divided you into nations and tribes, that you may be able to identify each other. Verily, of you the most honourable, in the sight of God, is he who is the most virtuous of you.

"It is not fitting for a Believer, man or woman, When a matter has been decided By Allah and His Apostle, To have any option About their decision. If anyone disobeys Allah and His Apostle, he is indeed On a clearly wrong Path."

S.XXXIII-V.36

"Leave alone those who take their religion to be mere play and amusement, and are deceived by the life of this world."

S.VI-V.70

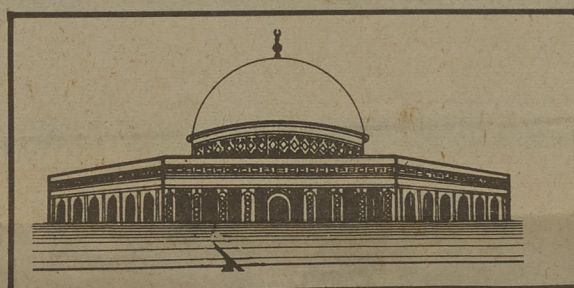
"O ye who believe! If ye obey the Unbelievers, They will drive you back On your heels, and ye Will turn back (from Faith) To your own loss."

53-V149

"So set your direction firmly and truly to the way of life. Establish God's system according to the nature in which He has made mankind. There is no alteration in the course which God has devised. This is the standard way of life, but most among mankind understand not."

THE HOLY PROPHET ON HUMAN RIGHTS

"O PEOPLE! The Apostle of Allah said that you must not remain silent under the rule and injustice of the oppressors and those who breach the commandments of Allah, break their covenant with Allah, and oppose and abandon the tradition of the Prophet of Allah and rule over the people unjustly. If you do not oppose such state of affairs, Allah shall punish you and your oppressive rulers."



The Prophet Muhammad, on the occasion of his last pilgrimage to Mecca, delivered a sermon on this very principle of human equality to the large concourse of people, which, in substance ran as follows:

"Ye people, your God is one, and one also is your father (Adam); that is to say, you are all members of the Great Family of the All-loving God."

"Therefore there should be amongst you goodwill and affection, sincerity and harmony, and it should be clearly understood that no Arab as such has any kind of superiority over the non-Arab, nor a Black man over the White, and likewise no non-Arab as such has any preference over the Arab, nor any White man over the Black man."

Feed the hungry, and visit the sick, and free the captive if he be unjustly confined: Assist any person oppressed whether Muslim or non-Muslim. (Hadith).

'Whoever of you see oppression, He must change it. If unable to he must speak against it. If unable to do even this, Then he must at least pray silently against it, But that is the weakest part of faith.'



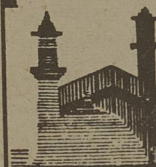
'THERE SHALL BE DISHONEST AND OPPRESSIVE RULERS AFTER ME. THOSE WHO SUPPORT THEIR FALSEHOODS AS BEING TRUTH AND ASSIST THEM IN THEIR OPPRESSION, ARE NOT MY FOLLOWERS AND I AM NOT OF THEM. THEY WILL (ALSO) NOT BE ABLE TO DRINK FROM MY FOUNTAIN.'



'WHOEVER RECOMMENDS AND HELPS A GOOD CASE BECOMES A PARTNER THEREIN AND WHOEVER RECOMMENDS AND HELPS AN EVIL CASE SHARE IN ITS BURDEN.'



'IF ANYONE MOVES WITH AN OPPRESSOR, HE HAS GONE FORTH FROM ISLAM.' (HADITH).



TEACHINGS OF ISLAM



I BELIEVE THAT LIBERTY IS THE BIRTHRIGHT OF EVERY NATION AND INDIVIDUAL. NO MAN NOR ANY MAN-MADE BUREAUCRACY POSSESSES THE RIGHT OF ENSLAVING HUMAN BEINGS. HOWSOEVER ATTRACTIVE WE MAY COIN THE NAME FOR SLAVERY AND SERVITUDE, STILL SLAVERY WILL REMAIN WHAT IT IS. IT IS AGAINST THE WILL AND CANONS OF GOD; (Moulana Abul Kalam Azad).

"Whether it is the majesty of monarchy or the game of democracy, if religion is separated from politics then the regime of Chengiz only remains."

Dr Muhammad Iqbal

"With the constitutional proposals, not only is the present system of apartheid given more elasticity, but in the new proposals the dream of democracy to which we strive is still further eroded...the Apartheid line is not demolished, it is simply shifted to include the Coloureds and Indians who are willing to co-operate with the government."

"...every protest, every prayer for liberation, every act of compassion is an affirmation of freedom...and a reflection of the will of God."

Dr Alan Boesak

"the Bill perpetrates a fraud on the blacks, a fraud on the Coloureds and Indians and a fraud on the white population of the country."

Mr Dalling MP

"I am not ashamed to say that I want to ensure the position of the whites".

Minister Chris Heunis

YOU CANNOT BE CHARGED IF YOU DON'T VOTE

ELECTIONS '84

IN less than 72 hours South Africa will know what Indian voters think of the new constitution.

And as the countdown to Tuesday's elections beats away, both the pro and anti-election forces stand convinced that they will emerge victorious.

What must be taken into account is that of South Africa's estimated Indian population of one million, only 310 000 are eligible to vote — for this is the number who have registered as voters.

None of the political groups involved in the feud over the constitution, which has caused sharp cleavages in the Indian community, is willing to hazard a guess as to what the average percentage poll would be — the crucial factor which could give credibility or non-credibility to those entering the new parliament.

There is dispute also on whether the results of this week's coloured elections would provide a pointer to Indian voting patterns.

Mr Cassim Docrat, a University of Durban-Westville political science lecturer, this week predicted that the results of the coloured elections would not encourage Indians to vote and that the average poll in the Indian elections would probably be about 20 percent.

Results

Mr Docrat said people generally were aware that the results of Wednesday's elections were not a genuine or widespread response from South Africa's coloured community.

"I cannot see it playing an encouraging role in the Indian elections," he said.

Apart from a few exceptions, low polls were recorded in most seats in the coloured elections.

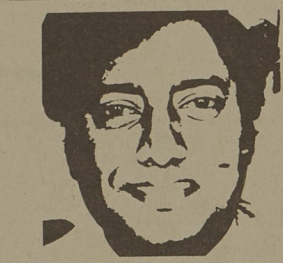
Mr Docrat said an analysis of the coloured election results showed that the constituencies which recorded the highest percentage polls were mainly rural areas.

"We do not have the same kind of rural towns in Natal, where the country's Indian population is concentrated. In fact, the majority of towns on Natal's north and south coast and in northern Natal can hardly be termed rural in the true sense of the word. Indians do not live in a platteland kind of situation as many coloureds do."

Another factor which had to be taken into account, he

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said, was that the United Democratic Front's campaign for a boycott of the coloured elections had been largely successful. Everything pointed to the UDF enjoying a similar success in the Indian elections.

"The UDF's argument for a rejection of participation in the new parliament has also been more convincing.

"And what's even more significant is that organisations which are not generally inclined to express their political feelings publicly, such as religious bodies and doctors' guilds, have also added their voice to the 'don't vote' calls. This obviously gives the 'don't vote' call more than just a strictly political character."

Mr Docrat said the Natal Indian Congress and other bodies which were affiliated to the UDF had "successfully played" on the conscription issue.

"There is no doubt that many Indians see the acceptance of the new constitution as an acceptance of conscription also.

Appeal

"Anti-election forces have also been able to drive home that participation in the new parliament would not lead to the kill-

ing of apartheid," Mr Docrat said.

Mr Amichand Rajbansi, leader of the National Peoples' Party and a man who has claimed publicly several times that his party would win the majority of the 40 seats in the elections, disagrees.

The results of the coloured elections would not affect Indian voter response, he said.

He said although the coloured political parties had faced a "vicious onslaught and intimidation" from the "don't vote" lobby, the percentage poll had been "reasonable."

"The credibility of their participation in the new parliament will be unquestionable.

"I appeal to Indian voters to ignore the negative calls to boycott the elections, which are made only at the time of elections, and to make use of the new constitution."

He said their participation in the elections did not mean an acceptance of the constitution, "but an effort to reshape South Africa's political course through peaceful and evolutionary means."

Split

The other major party in the election battle, Solidarity, has not been as bold in its prediction of the number of seats it would take. It has also not made claims as to what the percentage poll would be.

Referring to the coloured election results Dr Jayaram Reddy, the Solidarity Party leader, said: "I don't know whether the coloured results would have a bearing on Indian voting."

"There has been enough dispute and controversy over the constitution. And anymore on election day will not do anyone of us any good. People should now be allowed the freedom to vote

or not to vote without interference," Dr Reddy said.

Since the constitution was proposed, it has split the South African community. But its effects on the Indian community has been worse.

It has not only caused bitter rows between pro-participation and anti-participation camps, but it has also engendered sectional divisions on a level unheard of before in the Indian community.

The blame for the arousing of sectional feelings must rest squarely on some of the candidates who have been urging people to vote on sectional or religious lines.

Issues

There is no doubt now that sectionalism will play a considerable role in determining which of the 168 candidates contesting the 40 seats in the House of Delegates will be successful.

Many candidates themselves have admitted this.

Some of the major issues which have dominated the election debate were the exclusion of blacks from the new political dispensation, conscription for Indians and coloureds, the failure of the Government with the tacit support of election parties to hold referendums to test Indian and coloured opinion on the new constitution and the question of whether the people entering the new parliament will be able to bring about real reform in South Africa.

The black exclusion issue was the one which the anti-election lobby capitalised on the most simply because the election parties have not been able to provide logical counters to the arguments advanced by their opponents.

This issue also saw Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, Inkatha's president and KwaZulu's

chief minister, issue statements which made it plain how blacks would feel if Indians and coloureds turned up in large numbers to vote.

Only this week Chief Buthelezi said: "The end product of the new constitution will be the obliteration of political distinctions between Indians, coloureds and whites to make them one banded together to ensure our (black) oppression."

The failure of the parties to press for a referendum also provided the anti-election groupings with plenty of ammunition to use against the parties contesting the elections.

The anti-election groups maintain that without first obtaining a mandate from the people through a referendum, the parties concerned have no right to take part in the elections.

The introduction of the African National Congress

into the election debate further heightened the already strained relationship between the pro-participants and the non-participants.

Some of the election candidates, with the subtle help of the SABC, tried to link the United Democratic Front, of which the Natal Indian Congress is an affiliate, to the ANC.

Violent

And when all the ground rules reserved for debates were wiped out as the election dispute heated up, Mr Pat Poovalingam, the Solidarity Party's chairman, for instance, pointedly asked Dr Farouk Meer, a NIC executive member, in a TV debate this week if the NIC supported the ANC.

The Natal Indian Congress has often said that it is committed to the employ violent means to bring about change in South Africa.

teachings and principles of its founder, Mahatma Gandhi, and therefore it cannot

At the same time, the NIC has said that the ANC is a product of Government actions. The ANC has taken to a path of violence only because they have been denied a voice, they say.

And because the UDF, or for that matter the NIC, have not come out in open condemnation of the ANC, some establishment politicians have tried to link them to the ANC. But they have yet to provide proof of this link. Nor have the police such proof. And as long as this proof is absent, the accusations levelled against the NIC and the UDF remain unsubstantiated and unwarranted.

The run-up to the elections has also caused rows between candidates over the way special votes were obtained and inter-party disputes.

In an investigation two weeks ago the Sunday Times found that elderly people, who are largely ignorant of the constitution, have been the target of the drive by some candidates and their canvassers for special votes.

Claims

In one instance, this newspaper found that about a 100 elderly people had been bussed to cast special votes after being lavishly entertained with food and drinks by some candidates. They had also been given gifts.

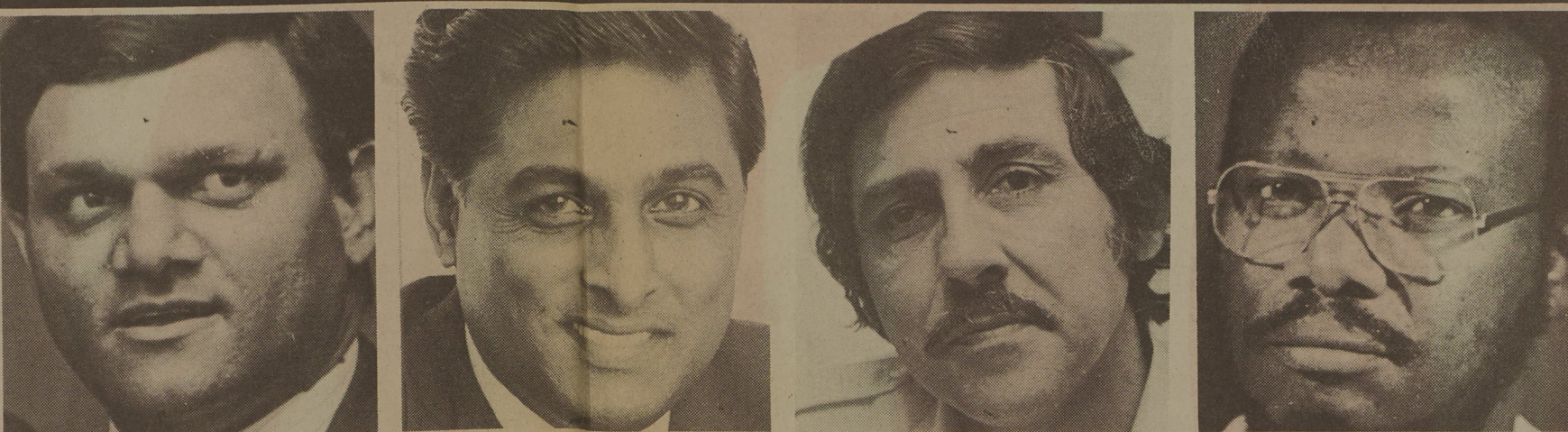
There have also been claims of people using gangsters to coerce people to vote.

Some of South Africa's biggest Indian welfare organisations have also said they knew of instances in which elderly men and women had been threatened that they would lose their pensions or have them reduced if did not vote for a particular candidate.

Yes, it is less than 72 hours to the elections. But as a community the Indians stand divided. The voters will give their answer on Tuesday. And on Wednesday the politicians will sing their praises — or offer their excuses.

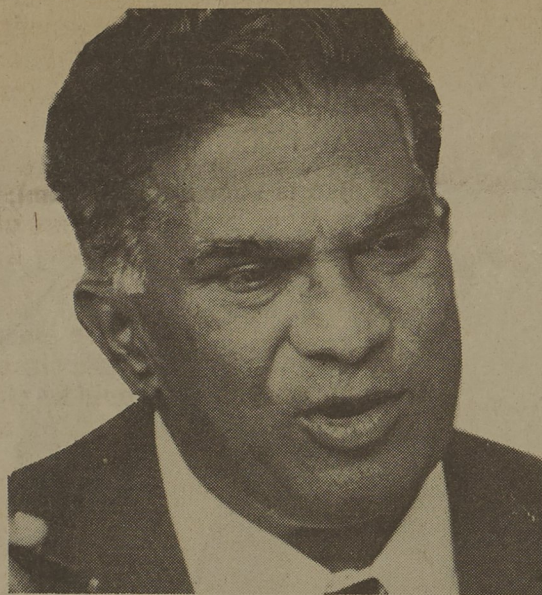
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- ★ YOU WILL BE VOTING AGAINST THE WHOLE WORLD THAT IS FIGHTING TO DESTROY APARTHEID FOR YOUR GOOD.
- ★ YOU WILL BE VOTING AGAINST OUR AFRICAN BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN THE COUNTRY OF THEIR ORIGIN. THEY HAVE SUFFERED THE MOST UNDER THE EVILS OF APARTHEID. THE TRICAMERAL PARLIAMENT WILL BE INVOLVED IN LEGISLATING AGAINST THE AFRICANS. DO YOU WANT THE INDIANS TO BE A PARTY TO THIS? DO YOU WANT TO IMPLICATE THE INDIANS BY VOTING?

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